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Please disregard my previous letter, as that was a draft and not ready to be sent. I accidentally pressed the wrong button. So here are my thoughts:

I believe the Justice Department and America needs closure on this (Microsoft) matter once and for all. How long has it been, how much money will it take...and how long will it continue on?

The Federal Government must state it's case, derive it's penalties, seek resolution, and end it's relentless efforts to drag this matter any further, perhaps into the next administration. The Government needs to set a time limit. The longer the Justice Department takes to administer it's justice, the public will be thoroughly disgusted, and America once again will receive her enormous share of worldwide ridicule.

This action is a waste of precious taxpayer resources, and most of us believe the action by the previous administration was politically motivated, fueled by Microsoft's competitors. No one has yet to prove that the American citizen, or the software industry has been hurt by the allegations of anti-competitive behavior. Is it worth the cost? And, while the Government continues it's aggressive pursuits, we have real serious problems to contend with, such as the Enron case, where thousands of employees and investors were sucker-punched....collapse of a major corporation, lost employment and retirements. That's the real crime. And that's precisely where the Justice Department should be spending it's efforts. The contentious and incessant attacks against Microsoft must stop.

Remember that old saying, "it's the economy....."? I believe the actions of President Clinton and his administration, the Democratic Congress, the raising of interest rates by the Federal Reserve, the Justice Department versus Microsoft, the collapse of Enron (and other big business), the lack of security in the airlines and the attacks of 9/11 are the result of America being diverted from really serious issues. "It's the Government.....!!!"

It's the Government which is creating an unhealthy economic environment. It's the Government that knew our airlines and airports were vulnerable. And it's the Government which will ultimately drag the country into a

deepening recession. Let's end this obsession with Microsoft, let the Government fuel the market and get this economy going again. Let's rock.....

Sincerely;

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